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SEQ ID 5: CTC AAT AAA GCT TGC CTT GA; and

SEQ ID 12: GAT GCA TGC TCA ATA AAG CTT GCC TGG AGT.

Please add the following new claims:

15. (new) The pair of oligonucleotide primers of claim 13, wherein said first hybridizing oligonucleotide is SEQ ID 9: aat tct aat acg act cac tat agg gAG AGG GGC GCC ACT GCT AGA GA and wherein said second hybridizing oligonucleotide is SEQ ID 5: CTC AAT AAA GCT TGC CTT GA.

16. (new) The pair of oligonucleotide primers of claim 13, wherein said first hybridizing oligonucleotide is SEQ ID 1: G GGC GCC ACT GCT AGA GA and wherein said second hybridizing oligonucleotide is SEQ ID 5: CTC AAT AAA GCT TGC CTT GA.

17. (new) A method for the detection of HIV-1 nucleic acid in a sample, comprising the steps of subjecting the sample to a nucleic acid amplification reaction under suitable conditions using the pair of oligonucleotide primers of claim 15, and suitable amplification reagents, and detecting the presence of amplified HIV-1 nucleic acid.

18. (new) A method for the detection of HIV-1 nucleic acid in a sample, comprising the steps of subjecting the sample to a nucleic acid amplification reaction under suitable conditions using the pair of oligonucleotide primers of claim 16, and suitable amplification reagents, and detecting the presence of amplified HIV-1 nucleic acid.